

District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

GELILA FIKRESELASE HAILU,

Plaintiff,

v.

UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01354-JNW

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
[~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
October 15, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to hold this case in abeyance until April 3, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate her Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on November 5, 2024. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until April 3, 2025.

1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706  
2 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to  
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for  
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
5 P. 1.

6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
7 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for December 4, 2024. USCIS  
8 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,  
9 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for  
10 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status  
11 report to the Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to  
12 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit  
13 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the adjudication  
14 delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the interview will  
15 need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. After the interview, USCIS will need time  
16 to adjudicate Plaintiff’s asylum application. Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff will  
17 dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and attorneys’ fees. Accordingly,  
18 the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then  
19 process her asylum application.

20 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the  
21 case in abeyance until April 3, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before  
22 April 3, 2025.

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1 DATED this 15th day of October, 2024.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 414*  
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until April 3, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before April 3, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 29th day of October, 2024.



Jamal N. Whitehead  
United States District Judge